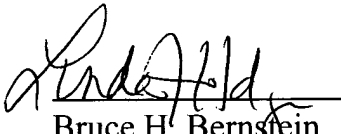


REMARKS

By the present Amendment, the claims and the abstract have been amended to place the claims and abstract in closer U.S. form. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above identified patent application.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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